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SUBJECT: FCIA CREDIT INSURANCE REQUEST FOR SALE OF TV BROADCASTING EQUIPMENT TO TELEVISORA ITAPUA

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- 1. BASED ON INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM LOCAL RCA DEALER AND OFFICIAL OF TELEVISORA ITAPUA, IT APPEARS THAT \$150,000 SALE REFERRED TO IN REFTEL WAS MADE TWO YEARS AGO. THESE LOCAL SOURCES UNAWARE OF ANY PENDING OR PROSPECTIVE SALE OF TELEVISION BROADCASTING EQUIPMENT.
- 2. ORIGINAL SALE OF EQUIPMENT IN 1972 WAS FOR MUCH LARGER AMOUNT (APPROXIMATELY \$450,000) OF WHICH \$150,000 REMAINS TO BE PAID. TELEVISORA ITAPUA IS A TELEVISION STATION WHICH WAS ORGANIZED THREE YEARS AGO BUT WHICH HAS NEVER BEEN IN OPERATION. IT IS OWNED BY THE SAME INDIVIDUALS WHO OPERATE TELEVISORA CERRO CORA (CHANNEL 9) THE ONLY TELEVISION CHANNEL IN PARAGUAY. APPARENTLY A FEW YEARS AGO THERE WAS A PROJECT TO ESTABLISH A SECOND TELEVISION STATION IN ENCARNACION (PARAGUAY'S SECOND LARGEST CITY), BUT THE PROMOTERS ENCOUNTERED SERIOUS FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES AND NOTHING MATERIALIZED EXCEPT THE INCORPORATION OF THE COMPANY, TELEVISORA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3. FROM INFORMATION OBTAINED LOCALLY, TELEVISORA ITAPUA AND ITS OWNERS ARE PRESENTLY IN DIFFICULT FINANCIAL STRAITS AND MAY BE UNABLE TO REPAY THE \$150,000 OWED TO RCA. FOR THIS REASON EXIM BANK SHOULD CHECK VERY CAREFULLY THE DETAILS OF THE "SALE" IN QUESTION. ANY CREDIT INSURANCE FOR PAST OR FUTURE SALES TO TELEVISORA ITAPUA WOULD BE VERY RISKY.

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